

MEMORANDUM

May 3, 1964

TO: Mr. Howard P. Willens
FROM: Leon D. Hubert Jr.

The following matters were discussed by telephone today with Assistant United States Attorney Martha Joe Stroud in Dallas:

1. With respect to the editing by Officer Newman of his deposition, and particularly the statement by Griffin to the effect that he did not believe Newman, and in fact told him, that he thought he was a liar, I asked her to specifically direct his attention to that sentence and to tell him that if he wished, the line would be deleted. If he wished to have the line deleted, I asked her to have him run a line through it and initial the line, and I asked her also to initial it. On the other hand, if he wanted the line to remain, then I asked her to prepare a memorandum and send it to us advising that she had told him that he might delete the line if he wished, but that he had refused to do so.

2. She asked us whether she could tell the witnesses that their depositions would be printed and made public. At the time I spoke to her, I was not aware of the memorandum from Mr. Bankin to each witness before he edits his deposition. Shortly after my conversation with Martha Stroud, I spoke to you and you called my attention to the last sentence of the first paragraph of Mr. Bankin's memorandum referred to above which states directly that the depositions are to be printed as part of the Commission's report, which therefore infers at least that the depositions will be made public. I told her that if any witness indicated that he did not wish to have his deposition published, she should advise him that he could write a letter to the Commission requesting that his deposition be not published. I told her, however, that she should not indicate in any way to such person that their request would be honored by the Commission since, in fact, she would have no means of knowing that at all.

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Mr. Bankin